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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has worked out cost of plantation per hectare in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof outlining the target achieved during the Tenth Plan period;

(c) the details of funds allocated in the Eleventh Plan so far; and

(d) the steps taken to achieve the targets set out in the said plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) As per existing guidelines of the major afforestation programme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, namely, National Afforestation Programme (NAP), the cost norms of various plantation models vary from Rs.17160/- per Ha to Rs.31540/- per Ha including ancillary activities.

(b) The target under the NAP during the Tenth Five Year Plan was to treat five lakh Ha of degraded forests and adjoining lands. The Ministry during the period has approved projects for treating an area of about 8.65 lakh Ha.

(c) Out of the total allocation of Rs.2000 Crore for the NAP in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.392.75 crore has been allocated during the year 2007-08 and Rs 345.62 crore during the year 2008-09.

(d) The major steps taken by Ministry of Environment and Forests are:

(i) A target of 6 lakh ha. area for treatment has been set for the NAP during the 11th Five Year Plan;

(ii) A new scheme, Gram/Panchayat Van Yojana (GVY) for tree plantation/afforestation on non-forest lands through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) has been mooted; and

(iii) Under the National Action Plan on Climate Change announced by the Government,a National Mission for a 'Green India' has been mooted as one of the eight missions to inter alia help counter the effects of climate change through afforestation programmes.